Agenda for next sitting

The President announced the following agenda for the next sitting on Tuesday, 18 February 1975:

10 a.m. and 3 p.m.:

- presentation of the eighth general report and the programme of work of the Commission;
- statement on the social situation in the Community;
- oral question with debate on the return of migrant workers to Italy;
- oral question with debate on safety conditions in coal mines;
- oral question with debate on unemployment among young people;
- report by Mr Brewis on the liberalization of co-insurance;
- report by Mr Lange on the European Monetary Cooperation Fund;
- report by Mr Klepsch on the Community's relations with COMECON;
- report by Mr Klepsch on the recommendations of the Joint Parliamentary Committee of the EEC/Turkey Association;
- report by Mr Baas on the tariff classification of certain cheeses;
- report by Mr Kaspereit on the extension of the Association Agreements with Tunisia and Morocco.

The sitting was closed at 8.15 p.m.

H.R. NORD

Secretary-General

Cornelis BERKHOUWER

President

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS OF THE SITTING OF TUESDAY, 18 FEBRUARY 1975

IN THE CHAIR: MR C. BERKHOUWER

President

The sitting was opened at 10.10 a.m.

Approval of minutes

The minutes of proceedings of the previous day's sitting were approved.

Presentation of the eighth general report on the activities of the Communities

The President announced that he had received from the Commission of the European Communities the eighth general report on the activities of the European Communities (Doc. 500/74).

Pursuant to Rule 20 (2) of the Rules of Procedure, the various parts of the report had been referred to the appropriate committees.

Documents received

The President announced that he had received from the Council of the European Communities requests for an Opinion on the following documents:

 draft Treaty amending certain financial provisions of the Treaties establishing the European Communities and of the Treaty establishing a single Council and a single Commission of the European Communities (Doc. 501/74).

This document had been referred to the Committee on Budgets as the committee responsible and to the Political Affairs Committee for its Opinion;

 draft amendment of the Statute of the European Investment Bank (Doc. 502/74).

This document had been referred to the Committee on Budgets as the committee responsible and to the Committee on Economic and Monetary Affairs for its Opinion;

- the proposals from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council for:
 - a Regulation on the opening, allocation and administration of a Community tariff quota of 30 000 head of heifers and cows, not intended for slaughter, of certain mountain breeds, falling within subheading ex 01.02 A II b) 2 of the Common Customs Tariff
 - a Regulation on the opening, allocation and administration of a Community tariff quota of 5 000 head of bulls, cows and heifers, not intended for slaughter, of certain Alpine breeds, falling within subheading ex 01.02 A II b) 2 of the Common Customs Tariff.

(Doc. 503/74).

This document had been referred to the Committee on External Economic Relations as the committee responsible and to the Committee on Agriculture for its Opinion;

— the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council for a Regulation amending Regulation (EEC) No 804/68 as regards the conditions for the granting of aid for the private storage of Grana Padano and Parmigiano Reggiano cheeses (Doc. 504/74).

This document had been referred to the Committee on Agriculture.

Change in agenda

The President announced that the draft report drawn up by Mr Aigner on the transfer on an appropriation from the EAGGF to the European Regional Development Fund had not been adopted by the Committee on Budgets, and that this report had therefore been removed from the agenda.

Eighth general report of the Commission on the activities of the Communities in 1974 and programme of work of the Commission for 1975

Mr Ortoli, *President of the Commission of the European Communities*, introduced the eighth general report of the Commission of the European Communities on the activities of the Communities in 1974 (Doc. 500/74) and the programme of work of the Commission for 1975.

The President reminded members that the debate on the eighth general report and the programme of work of the Commission would be held on Wednesday, 19 February 1975, during the afternoon sitting.

Developments in the social situation in the Community in 1974

Mr Hillery, Vice-President of the Commission of the European Communities, delivered a statement on developments in the social situation in the Community in 1974.

The President announced that Mr Hillery's statement would be referred to the Committee on Social Affairs and Employment as the committee responsible and to the Committee on Economic and Monetary Affairs and the Committee on Public Health and the Environment for their Opinions.

Oral question with debate: Return of migrant workers to Italy

Mr Pisoni spoke on the oral question with debate, put by himself and Mr Girardin, Mr Ligios, Mr Vernaschi and Mr Rosati to the Commission of the European Communities, on the return of migrant workers to Italy (Doc. 445/74).

IN THE CHAIR: LORD BESSBOROUGH $\label{eq:Vice-President} Vice-President$

Mr Premoli spoke on behalf of the Liberal and Allies Group.

Mr Hillery, Vice-President of the Commission of the European Communities, answered the question.

The following spoke: Mr Della Briotta on behalf of the Socialist Group, Mr Yeats on behalf of the Group of European Progressive Democrats, Mr Marras on behalf of the Communist and Allies Group, Mr Jahn, Mr Bersani, Mr Girardin, Mr Behrendt, Mr Hillery and Mr Pisoni.

The President declared the debate on the oral question closed.

The sitting was suspended at 1 p.m. and resumed at 3.10 p.m.

IN THE CHAIR: MR C. BERKHOUWER President

Oral question with debate: Improvement of safety conditions in coal mines

Mrs Orth spoke on the oral question with debate which she had put on behalf of the Socialist Group to the Commission of the European Communities on the improvement of safety conditions in coal mines (Doc. 478/74).

Mr Hillery, Vice-President of the Commission of the European Communities, spoke in reply.

IN THE CHAIR: MR P.-B. COUSTÉ Vice-President

Mr Cointat spoke on behalf of the Group of European Progressive Democrats, Mr Lemoine on behalf of the Communist and Allies Group and Mr Durieux on behalf of the Liberal and Allies Group.

The President declared the debate on the oral question closed.

Oral question with debate: Unemployment among young people

Mr Adams spoke on the oral question with debate put by himself and Mr Albertsen, Mr Broeksz, Mr Carpentier, Mr Della Briotta, Mr Dondelinger, Mr Glinne and Mr Kavanagh on behalf of the Socialist Group to the Commission of the European Communities on unemployment among young people (Doc. 477/74).

Mr Härzschel spoke on behalf of the Christian-Democratic Group.

Mr Hillery, Vice-President of the Commission of the European Communities, answered the question.

Mr Dondelinger spoke on behalf of the Socialist Group, Mr Hougardy on behalf of the Liberal and Allies Group and Lady Elles on behalf of the European Conservative Group.

Welcome to Mr Rey

The President welcomed on behalf of Parliament the former President of the Commission of the European Communities, Mr Rey.

Oral question with debate: Unemployment among young people (continued)

Resuming the debate on the oral question put by Mr Adams and others, the following spoke: Mr Terrenoire on behalf of the Group of European Progressive Democrats, Mrs Goutmann on behalf of the Communist and Allies Group, Mr Nolan and Mr Concas.

The President declared the debate on the oral question closed.

Directive on the liberalization of co-insurance and the coordination of the relevant laws and administrative provisions

Mr John Brewis introduced his report, drawn up on behalf of the Legal Affairs Committee, on the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council (Doc. 121/74) for a Directive on the liberalization of co-insurance operations and the coordination of laws, regulations and administrative provisions relating to co-insurance (Doc. 432/74).

In answer to a question put by Mr Broeksz, Mr Simonet, Vice-President of the Commission of the European Communities, announced that the Commission was withdrawing Articles 5 and 6 of its proposal for a Directive.

The following spoke: Mr Schwörer on behalf of the Christian-Democratic Group, Mr Broeksz on behalf of the Socialist Group, Lord Mansfield on behalf of the European Conservative Group, Mr Rivierez on behalf of the Group of European Progressive Democrats and Mr Simonet.

Parliament considered next the amendments tabled to the proposal for a Directive.

The President pointed out that as a result of the deletion by the Commission of Articles 5 and 6, the amendments to these two Articles tabled by the Legal Affairs Committee had become void. The same applied to Amendment Nos 3 and 4.

He also announced that Amendment No 6 had in the meantime been withdrawn by its author.

On Article 2, first paragraph, the following two amendments had been tabled:

- Amendment No 1 by Lord Mansfield on behalf of the European Conservative Group,
- Amendment No 8 by Mr Schmidt.

Lord Mansfield moved Amendment No 1, and Mr Schmidt Amendment No 8 together with Amendment No 7 to Article 7, which was related in substance to Amendment No 8.

Mr Broeksz and Mr Brewis, Rapporteur, spoke.

Amendment No 1 was adopted.

At Mr Broeksz's request, Amendment No 8, which concerned the same passage, was then considered.

Mr Schmidt and Lord Mansfield spoke.

After Mr Simonet had spoken, the President stated that as a result of the adoption of Amendment No 1, Amendment No 8 had become void.

On Article 7, the following three amendments had been tabled:

- Amendment No 5 by Mr Rivierez on behalf of the Group of European Progressive Democrats,
- Amendment No 2 by Mr Broeksz, and
- Amendment No 7 by Mr Schmidt.

Mr Rivierez moved Amendment No 5 and Mr Broeksz Amendment No 2.

Amendment No 5 was rejected.

Mr Brewis spoke.

Amendment No 2, then Amendment No 7 were adopted.

Parliament adopted the following resolution:

RESOLUTION

embodying the Opinion of the European Parliament on the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council for a Directive on the liberalization of co-insurance operations and the coordination of laws, regulations and administrative provisions relating to co-insurance

- having regard to the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council (1),
- having been consulted by the Council pursuant to Article 57 (2), the second paragraph of Article 59 and Articles 63 (2) and 66 of the EEC Treaty (Doc. 121/74),
- having regard to the report of the Legal Affairs Committee and the Opinion of the Committee on Economic and Monetary Affairs (Doc. 432/74),
- 1. Notes that the purpose of the present proposal for a Directive is to enable all undertakings as established in the Community to participate in Community co-insurance and at the same time to carry out the minimum of regulation that is necessary if such liberalization is achieved;
- 2. Recalls that the freedom of establishment, as far as direct insurance operations other than life insurance are concerned, has been achieved by the first Council Directive (2) on the coordination of provisions relating to insurance other than life insurance and by the Directive (3) abolishing restrictions on freedom of establishment;

⁽¹⁾ OJ No C 72, 27. 6. 1974, p. 26.

⁽²⁾ OJ No L 228, 16. 8. 1973, p. 3.

⁽⁸⁾ OJ No L 228, 16. 8. 1973, p. 20.

- 3. Welcomes the present proposal as a first step towards liberalization in the co-insurance business, but regrets that in present circumstances it cannot go further;
- 4. Nevertheless calls on the Commission to make further proposals in due course to ensure freedom of services in the insurance field throughout the Community;
- 5. Accepts this proposal as a compromise between the existing regulations in some Member States on the one hand and the freedom to act in the rest of the Member States on the other;
- 6. Requests the Commission to incorporate the following amendments in its proposal pursuant to Article 149, second paragraph of the EEC Treaty;
- 7. Instructs its President to forward this resolution and the report of its committee to the Council and Commission of the European Communities.

TEXT PROPOSED BY THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES (1)

TEXT AMENDED BY THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT

Proposal for a Directive on the liberalization of co-insurance operations and the coordination of laws, regulations and administrative provisions relating to co-insurance

Preamble unchanged

First to fourth recitals unchanged

fifth recital

fifth recital

Whereas it is necessary to require the leading insurer to assume responsibilities exceeding those of an intermediary between the person seeking insurance and the co-insurer or co-insurers; deleted

sixth recital

sixth recital

Whereas the law applicable to the contract should be determined by the law of the *country* in which the *leading insurer* is established;

Whereas the law applicable to the contract should be determined by the law of the Member State in which the policy holder is established, unless otherwise agreed by the policy holder and the leading insurer;

seventh recital

seventh recital

Whereas Member States should be permitted to reserve a minimum percentage of participation in the

Whereas this concerns the Member States whose law requires that the underwriting of the whole or part of

⁽¹⁾ For complete text, see OJ No C 72, 27. 6. 1974, p. 26.

TEXT PROPOSED BY THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES

TEXT AMENDED BY THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT

risk for the leading insurer and co-insurers established in the leading insurer's country; whereas this percentage can be fixed for an initial period at 25%

the risk is to be set aside for the leading insurer and for the other co-insurers established in the country of the leading insurer, in the initial stages it is permitted to maintain a certain possibility of reservation, but it shall be reduced to a maximum percentage of 25 %.

Eighth to tenth recitals unchanged

Article 1 unchanged

Article 2

For the purpose of this Directive co-insurance means: the insuring by two or more insurance undertakings hereinafter referred to as 'co-insurers', acting at the instigation of one of them, called the leading insurer, and in agreement with the other but without joint and several liability, of a single risk under a single contract at a single premium and for a single period.

Co-insurance shall be called Community co-insurance where at least one of the co-insurers is established, within the meaning of the first coordination Directive, in a Member State other than that of the leading insurer.

The conditions of insurance and the tariffs shall be determined by the leading insurer.

Article 2

For the purpose of this Directive co-insurance means: the insuring by two or more insurance undertakings, hereinafter referred to as 'co-insurers', of which one is called the 'leading insurer', each for his own part, of a risk under a single contract at an overall premium and for the same period, which contract is performed under the aegis of the leading insurer.

Co-insurance shall be called Community co-insurance where at least one of the co-insurers is established, within the meaning of the first coordination Directive, in a Member State other than that of the leading insurer.

The conditions of insurance and the tariffs shall be determined by the leading insurer.

Articles 3 and 4 unchanged

Article 5

If the law in any country contains provisions concerning the place of establishment of the leading insurer, and if such provisions give rise to a conflict of laws, the law applicable shall be that which requires the leading insurer to be established in the country where the risk is situated.

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If the law in any country contains provisions concerning the place of establishment of the leading insurer, and if such provisions give rise to a conflict of laws, the law applicable shall be that which requires the leading insurer to be established in the Member State where the policy holder is established.

Article 6

Any Member State may require that part of the risk, up to a maximum of 25%, be underwritten by the

Article 6

Any Member State, whose law requires that the underwriting of the whole or part of the risk is to be

TEXT PROPOSED BY THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES

TEXT AMENDED BY THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT

, leading insurer and other co-insurers established in the country of the leading insurer. set aside for the leading insurer and for the other co-insurers established in the country of the leading insurer, shall diminish this requirement to a maximum of 25 %.

Article 7

The contract of co-insurance shall be governed by the law of the country where the leading insurer is established. Matters concerning intermediaries and commission shall be subject to the provisions of the same law.

Article 7

The contract of co-insurance shall be governed by the law of the Member State where the policy holder is established, unless otherwise agreed in writing by the policy holder and the leading insurer.

If the insured makes a claim on an insurer, the latter cannot claim that his liability is limited to his share in the insurance contract.

Articles 8 to 12 unchanged

Article 13

The Commission shall submit to the Council, within six years of the date of notification of this Directive, a report on the development of the Community co-insurance market.

The Commission shall also submit to the Council any proposal for a more complete liberalization of Community co-insurance, in particular by the reduction of the percentage referred to in Article 6.

Article 13

The Commission shall submit to the Council, within six years of the date of notification of this Directive, a report on the development of Community co-insurance.

The Commission shall also submit to the Council any proposal or a more complete liberalization of Community co-insurance, in particular by the reduction of the percentage referred to in Article 6.

Article 15

Following notification of the Directive Member States shall ensure that the texts of the main provisions by way of law, regulations or administrative actions which they *adopt* in the field governed by this Directive are communicated to the Commission.

Article 15

Following notification of the Directive Member States shall ensure that the texts of the main provisions by way of law, regulations or administrative actions which they intend to adopt in the field governed by this Directive are communicated to the Commission.

Article 16 unchanged

European Monetary Cooperation Fund

Mr Erwin Lange introduced his report, drawn up on behalf of the Committee on Economic and Monetary Affairs, on the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council (Doc. 428/74) for a Regulation amending Council Regulation (EEC) No 907/73 of 3 April 1973 establishing a European Monetary Cooperation Fund (Doc. 489/74). He announced that in paragraph 4 of the motion for a resolution the words 'will not in itself constitute an effective instrument' should be amended to read 'as such will be an insufficient instrument'.

Mr Artzinger spoke on behalf of the Christian-Democratic Group.

IN THE CHAIR: MR C. McDONALD

Vice-President

The following spoke: Lord Reay on behalf of the European Conservative Group, Mr Cousté on behalf of the Group of European Progressive Democrats, Mr Lange on behalf of the Socialist Group, Lord Reay, Mr Lange, Mr Haferkamp, Vice-President of the Commission of the European Communities, and Lord Reay.

The following resolution, amended in accordance with Mr Lange's suggestion, was adopted:

RESOLUTION

embodying the Opinion of the European Parliament on the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council for a Regulation amending Council Regulation (EEC) No 907/73 of 3 April 1973 establishing a European Monetary Cooperation Fund

- having regard to the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council (COM(74) 2106 fin.),
- having been consulted by the Council pursuant to Article 235 of the EEC Treaty (Doc. 428/74),
- recalling its resolutions of 15 March 1973 (1) and 19 October 1973 (2),
- having regard to the report of the Committee on Economic and Monetary Affairs and the Opinion of the Committee on Budgets (Doc. 489/74),
- 1. Approves in principle the Commission's proposal;
- 2. Expects the Council to take a decision without delay;
- 3. Stresses, furthermore, the independence of the Fund as a Community body;
- 4. Remains of the opinion that even in its new form the Fund as such will be an insufficient instrument of Community monetary policy unless economic policy is implemented on a Community basis and the responsibilities of the Community institutions for this economic policy are strengthened;

⁽¹⁾ OJ No C 19, 12. 4. 1973, p. 28.

⁽²⁾ OJ No C 95, 10. 11. 1973, p. 27.

5. Instructs its President to forward this resolution and the next of the oral explanatory statement to the Council and Commission of the European Communities, the Committee of the Governors of the Central Banks and the Parliaments and Governments of the Member States.

The Community's relations with the East European State-trading countries and COMECON

Mr Egon Klepsch introduced his report, drawn up on behalf of the Committee on External Economic Relations, on the European Community's relations with the East European State-trading countries and COMECON (Doc. 425/74).

The following spoke: Mr Jahn on behalf of the Christian-Democratic Group, Mr Lange on behalf of the Socialist Group, Sir Douglas Dodds-Parker on behalf of the European Conservative Group, Mr Kaspereit on behalf of the Group of European Progressive Democrats, Mr Sandri on behalf of the Communist and Allies Group, Mr Patijn, Mrs Goutmann, Mr Blumenfeld and Sir Christopher Soames, Vice-President of the Commission of the European Communities.

The President announced that the two amendments tabled to the motion for a resolution had in the meantime been withdrawn by their authors.

Parliament adopted the following resolution:

RESOLUTION

on the European Community's relations with the East European State-trading countries and COMECON

The European Parliament,

- having regard to its resolution of 4 April 1973 (1) and to the political importance of the problems stressed in that resolution,
- having regard to point 13 of the final communiqué of the 1972 Paris summit conference on the need for a common policy on trade with the State-trading countries,
- having regard to the provisions of Article 113 of the EEC Treaty which calls for the establishment of a common commercial policy on the basis of uniform principles,
- having regard to the report of the Committee on External Economic Relations and the Opinion of the Political Affairs Committee (Doc. 425/74),

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- 1. Notes with regret that, despite the declaration of intent made by the Member States of the European Community at the close of the 1972 Paris summit conference, the commitments deriving from the EEC Treaty to formulate a common commercial policy, in particular towards the State-trading countries, have not yet been met;
- 2. Strongly urges the Commission and the Council to improve information and consultation procedures on common measures in the field of external economic relations;

⁽¹⁾ OJ No C 26, 30. 4. 1973, p. 10.

3. Considers it indispensable that the Council and Commission should draw up without delay a draft for a common commercial policy and set long-term objectives as yardsticks for decisions in this field;

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- 4. Supports a balanced development of external trade with the COMECON countries based on the principle of reciprocity, thus ensuring equality of advantages and obligations, with due account taken of the difference in economic systems;
- 5. Notes that it is necessary to adjust the classical instruments of trade policy and supplement them in line with the latest requirements of international trade;
- 6. Welcomes the progress made in the field of credit policy towards the State-trading countries, and the developing world-wide harmonization in this field;
- 7. Welcomes the procedure now adopted by the Council for consultation on and coordination of cooperation agreements with third countries;
- 8. Repeats, however, the warning that the common commercial policy could be jeopardized by certain bilateral cooperation agreements;
- 9. Considers the progress made in the field of credit policy and cooperation policy to be inadequate and calls on the Commission and the Council to incorporate these policies in the draft of a common commercial policy;
- 10. Views with satisfaction the signs of readiness on the part of the East European State-trading countries and COMECON to recognize the European Community as a trading partner;
- 11. Welcomes the establishment of contracts between the organs of the Community and COMECON, whilst at the same time drawing attention, however, to the structural differences and institutional and political problems which allow only restricted freedom of action;
- 12. Notes that the world-wide efforts at *détente* are contributing to the establishment and intensification of trade between the EEC and the East European State-trading countries;
- 13. Welcomes the common position of the Member States and the Commission's negotiating mandate at the conference on security and cooperation in Europe;

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- 14. Invites the Commission to present a report on the progress made on formulating a common commercial policy towards the State-trading countries;
- 15. Instructs its President to forward this resolution and the report of its committee to the Council and Commission of the European Communities.

Recommendations of the Joint Parliamentary Committee of the EEC/Turkey Association

Mr Egon Klepsch introduced his report, drawn up on behalf of the Committee on External Economic Relations, on the recommendations of the Joint Parliamentary Committee of the EEC/Turkey Association adopted in Istanbul-Tarabya on 11 October 1974 (Doc. 335/74) — (Doc. 448/74).

The following spoke: Mr Jahn on behalf of the Christian-Democratic Group and Sir Christopher Soames, Vice-President of the Commission of the European Communities.

Parliament adopted the following resolution:

RESOLUTION

on the recommendations adopted by the Joint Parliamentary Committee of the EEC/Turkey Association adopted in Istanbul-Tarabya on 11 October 1974

- having regard to the recommendations adopted by the Joint Parliamentary Committee of the EEC/Turkey Association during its XVIIIth meeting in Istanbul-Tarabya from 6 to 11 October 1974 (Doc. 335/74),
- having regard to the report of its Committee on External Economic Relations and the Opinion of its Committee on Social Affairs and Employment (Doc. 448/74),
- 1. Approves the recommendations adopted on 11 October 1974 by the Joint Parliamentary Committee;
- 2. Welcomes the resolve expressed on that occasion to strengthen political cooperation and consultation between the association partners in order to help maintain peace and develop democracy in the eastern Mediterranean;
- 3. Considers, however, that these objectives cannot be attained until the tension and suffering among the civilian population in the Republic of Cyprus, a country associated with the Community, is ended;
- 4. Requests the interested parties, therefore, to seek a peaceful and lasting solution to the Cyprus question, based on the principle of the continued independence of the island and respect for the rights of the two communities;
- 5. Welcomes the rapid growth of economic and trade relations between the Community and Turkey, evidence of which is quoted in the ninth report of the Association Council, and hopes that suitable measures will be taken by the Community authorities to encourage Turkish exports and so reduce Turkey's mounting trade deficit with the Community;
- 6. Insists, to that end, that the agricultural concessions granted to Turkey by the Community should be extended, and that the Council should reconsider its refusal to include that country among the beneficiaries of the Community system of generalized preferences;
- 7. Requests the Council also to ensure that, whenever the Community grants advantages to third countries, under the generalized preferences system, suitable compensation should be made to Turkey so as to end the erosion of the preferences to which it is entitled as an associated country and potential Member State;

- 8. Stresses the advantages of growing financial cooperation between the two parties, in particular with regard to the development of potential underground resources in Turkey, and hopes in that connection that the obstacles in the way of the free movement of capital may be gradually reduced;
- 9. Regrets the fact that the Association Council has not yet been able to lay down provisions, pursuant to Article 39 of the Additional Protocol, allowing Turkish workers to aggregate periods of insurance or employment completed in individual Member States in respect of old-age pensions, death benefits and invalidity pensions, but hopes that a solution may quickly be found, on the basis of the proposals made by the Commission and set out in the Agreement concluded on this point on 10 June 1974 by the Council of the European Communities;
- 10. Points once more to the need to improve vocational training and integration of Turkish workers and their families in the host countries and the measures which must be taken to ensure that they are less affected than workers from third countries if jobs become scarce;
- 11. Instructs its President to forward this resolution and the report of its committee to the Council and Commission of the European Communities, the Grand National Assembly of Turkey, the Parliaments of the Member States of the Community and the Turkish Government.

Regulation on the exchange rate to be applied for the tariff classification of certain cheeses

Mr Jan Baas introduced his report, drawn up on behalf of the Committee on External Economic Relations, on the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council (Doc. 409/74) for a Regulation amending Regulation (EEC) No 950/68 on the Common Customs Tariff as regards the exchange rate to be applied in respect of the tariff classification of certain cheeses (Doc. 440/74).

The following spoke: Mr Liogier on behalf of the Committee on Agriculture, Mr Lange, Sir Christopher Soames, Vice-President of the Commission of the European Communities, Mr Lange and Sir Christopher Soames.

Parliament adopted the following resolution:

RESOLUTION

embodying the Opinion of the European Parliament on the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council for a Regulation amending Regulation (EEC) No 950/68 on the Common Customs Tariff as regards the exchange rate to be applied in respect of the tariff classification of certain cheeses

- having regard to the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council (1),
- having been consulted by the Council in accordance with Article 43 of the EEC Treaty (Doc. 409/74),
- having regard to the report of the Committee on External Economic Relations and the Opinion of the Committee on Agriculture (Doc. 440/74 and Annex);
- 1. Approves the Commission's proposal;
- 2. Instructs its President to forward this resolution and the report of its committee to the Council and Commission of the European Communities.

⁽¹⁾ OJ No C 158, 17. 12. 1974, p. 21.

Regulation extending the Association Agreement with Tunisia — Regulation extending the Association Agreement with Morocco

Mr Gabriel Kaspereit introduced his report, drawn up on behalf of the Committee on External Economic Relations, on:

- the recommendation for a Council Regulation concluding an Agreement extending the Association Agreement between the European Economic Community and the Tunisian Republic
- the recommendation for a Council Regulation concluding an Agreement extending the Association Agreement between the European Economic Community and the Kingdom of Morocco (Doc. 496/74)

(Doc. 497/74).

Sir Christopher Soames, Vice-President of the Commission of the European Communities, spoke.

Parliament adopted the following resolution:

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embodying the Opinion of the European Parliament on the recommendations from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council for:

- a Regulation concluding an Agreement extending the Association Agreement between the European Economic Community and the Tunisian Republic
- a Regulation concluding an Agreement extending the Association Agreement between the European Economic Community and the Kingdom of Morocco

The European Parliament,

- having regard to the recommendations from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council (COM(74) 1480 fin.),
- having been consulted by the Council pursuant to Article 238 of the Treaty establishing the EEC (Doc. 496/74),
- having regard to the report of the Committee on External Economic Relations (Doc. 497/74),
- 1. Approves the Commission's recommendations;
- 2. Instructs its President to forward this resolution and the report of its committee to the Council and Commission of the European Communities.

Agenda for next sitting

The President announced the following agenda for the next sitting on Wednesday, 19 February 1975:

11.30 a.m.:

- Question Time;
- statement on the economic situation in the Community.

3.30 p.m. and 9.00 p.m.:

- report by Mr Spénale on the establishment of a concertation procedure;
- joint debate on:
 - the report by Mr Radoux on the results of the Paris summit conference, and
 - the eighth general report and the programme of work of the Commission;
- oral question with debate on the political situation in Portugal.

The sitting was closed at 9.10 p.m.

H. R. NORD
Secretary-General

Cornelis BERKHOUWER

President

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS OF THE SITTING OF WEDNESDAY, 19 FEBRUARY 1975

IN THE CHAIR: MR C. BERKHOUWER

President

The sitting was opened at 11.35 a.m.

Approval of minutes

The minutes of proceedings of the previous day's sitting were approved.

Statement concerning Petition No 9/74

The President reminded members that Petition No 9/74, submitted by Mr Fabre and 31 other signatories had been referred to the Legal Affairs Committee on 15 November 1974.

He announced that after examining this petition, the committee had come to the conclusion that its subject matter did not fall within the sphere of activities of the European Communities.

The petition had therefore been filed without further action, pursuant to Rule 48 (3) of the Rules of Procedure.

Presentation and inclusion in the agenda of a motion , for a resolution

The President announced that he had received a motion for a resolution, tabled by Mr de la Malène, Mr Yeats, Mr Cousté, Mr Cointat, Mr Duval, Mr Kaspereit, Mr Laudrin, Mr Liogier, Mr Nolan and Mr Terrenoire, with request for debate by urgent procedure pursuant to Rule 14 of the Rules of Procedure, on the European Regional Development Fund (Doc. 505/74).

Parliament decided to adopt urgent procedure in respect of this document.

On a proposal from the enlarged Bureau, it was decided that the motion for a resolution should be dealt with that same day during the joint debate on the report by Mr Radoux and the eighth general report.

Congratulations

On behalf of Parliament, the President congratulated Mr Nørgaard and Mr Dalsager, former Vice-Presidents of the European Parliament, on their appointment as members of the Danish Government.